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SUBJ: POSSIBLE ROK INTEREST IN SOVIET ASIAN SECURITY PROPOSAL

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF SEPTEMBER 17 MOFA EAST EUROPE DIVISION CHIEF KIM YUN-TAEK ASKED WHAT LATEST USG POSITION WAS CONCERNING SOVIET ASIAN SECURITY ARRANGEMENT WHICH SOVIETS ARE PROMOTING AGAIN IN AFTERMATH OF HELSINKI AGREEMENT. KIM ANTICIPATES INCREASED INTEREST WITHIN ROKG BECAUSE OF SOVIET PUSH AND POSSIBLE IMPACT OF HELSINKI. EMBOFF REPLIED ONLY GENERALLY THAT USG HAS CONSIDERED SOVIET PROPOSAL TO BE EFFORT TO CONTAIN THE PRC AND DISRUPT THE U.S. ALLIANCE SYSTEM AND THAT ROK SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE CAUTIOUS ABOUT IT UNLESS THE PRC AND U.S. ALSO SHOWED INTEREST.

2. IN PASSING, EMBOFF RECALLED SEPTEMBER 5 REMARKS OF ROK DELEGATION LEADER PAK CHUN-KYU, AT LONDON INTERNATIONAL PARLIAMENTARY UNION CONFERENCE EXPRESSING INTEREST IN THE SOVIET PROPOSAL AND ASKED IF PAK'S STATEMENT REFLECTED OFFICIAL ROKG INTEREST IN THE SOVIET SECURITY ARRANGEMENT. KIM SAID PAK'S
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REMARKS HAD NOT BEEN CLEARED WITH THE ROK GOVERNMENT IN ADVANCE

AND KIM HAD STILL NOT HAD A CHANCE TO TALK TO HIM SINCE HIS RETURN FROM LONDON. HE UNDERSTOOD, HOWEVER, THAT SCHOLARS ASSOCIATED WITH PAK HAD PROPOSED THE LONDON SPEECH. KIM SAID THE SOVIETS HAD NOT RESPONDED TO PAK'S EXPRESSION OF INTEREST.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE ANY RECENT U.S. ASSESSMENT OF SOVIET PROPOSAL, SOVIET EFFORTS TO PUSH THEIR PROPOSAL, AND RECEPTIVITY ELSEWHERE IN ASIA THAT DEPARTMENT CAN PROVIDE FOR PASSAGE TO ROKG.

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